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October 2025 Newsletter

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

This fall has been a season of hope and ongoing renewal in our congregation. In worship, we've been reflecting together on how God's Word meets us in real life—how faith is not just an idea we carry in our minds, but a living truth that shapes how we see the world, care for one another, and walk each day into our collective calling as a congregation. Week by week, I've been reminded that the gospel is both comfort and challenge: God's grace frees us and then sends us to make a difference in the world.

One of the great joys this season is the launch of our new confirmation class, with seven young people continuing their journey of faith and learning. Please keep them in your prayers as they grow, ask questions, and take steps toward affirming their baptism. It seems that trivia may be our new favourite activity (KAHOOT).

We also celebrate the success of our first city-wide youth event, where 19 youth from across Saskatoon came together for fun, fellowship, and faith at Augustana Lutheran Church. BBQ, devotion on being connected to one another and God, songs, and games in the park on a perfect September day.

Stephen Ministry is also back to regular meetings. It's a beautiful thing to watch the deeper engagement with the craft and practice of intentional listening and caring. We continue to pray that all people might find the people they need to care for them in times of need.

I'm writing this article at the end of the Fall Lutheran Anglican Gathering (FLAG) in Moose Jaw. We were collectively inspired to think and re-think leadership and connection. To look beyond anxiety and quick fix solutions and instead look at the systems that make up our community. I'm grateful for the system that is Resurrection Lutheran Church. I'm glad we have connections with Synod and local congregations. I'm filled with curiosity to see how we will keep doing the work of listening to God and listening to neighbours so we can discern our calling as a church in 2025. At the heart of all this activity is the call of the church: to be a community that proclaims the grace and love of God and puts that love into action. We exist not for ourselves, but to serve—to meet the needs of our neighbours, to walk with those who struggle, and to embody Christ's compassion in practical ways. Every act of service, every welcome offered, every word of encouragement becomes part of our shared witness to the God who is making all things new.

As we continue through the fall, may we be strengthened in faith, filled with hope, and eager to share the joy of Christ's love in all that we do.

In Christ,
Pastor Sean

CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Sean Bell (*ex officio*)
Esther Cherland, Vice-Chair
David Kirton
Brady Witt

Betty Harper, Chair (306-270-9186)
Bonnie Semenoff, Secretary
Elaine Leite, Treasurer
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Linda Simpson

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 9th; please forward any concerns/reports requiring Council response/review to Betty Harper (harperbetty324@gmail.com) by Thursday, October 2nd.

PRAYER LIST



We pray for healing and wholeness for Emily Harper; Alannah Harper; Rose Schmid; Zoey Zalizniak; Linda Lee Paulson; Ryan Pannell for healing and strength; Norm Ouelette for healing; Carrie Kiehn for healing; Kristen Weingartner for healing and strength; Irmgard Litwin for healing; Rebecca Gmeinwaser for healing; and Lorraine Cowan for healing.

We also remember in our prayers:

- Missing and murdered Indigenous Women in Canada, the children and people buried in unmarked graves at Residential Schools and First Nations lands, all who have suffered the trauma of residential Schools.
- Those around the world impacted by the trauma of war, natural disasters, food insecurity, racism, and those seeking refuge.
- World leaders, as well as those leading us in our own country, province, and city.

FINANCE REPORT

Financial Report as of September 24, 2025 submitted by Elaine Leite

- *Bank Accounts as of September 24th:* Chequing \$18,749.23; Property Reserve Fund \$6,215.69; Social Justice \$293.; Memorial Fund \$634.99; Youth Initiatives \$333.77.
- *September Income to Date:* Givings and loose offering \$8,496. (\$3,652.90 under budget); Benevolence \$110; Rentals \$720; Daycare Rent \$3,000 and Shared Costs \$943.77; Total Income: \$13,269.77.
- *September Expenses to Date:* Bank Fees \$16; Synod Benevolence \$675.; Discretionary Fund \$135.67; Convention \$225; Copier \$195.71; Office \$222; Telephone & Postage \$223.79; Kitchen & Cleaning Supplies \$141.82; Grounds Maintenance \$675; Maintenance \$2,051.03; Utilities \$1,117; Cleaner \$758.54; Staff (no expenses until month end); Musicians \$75;
- *Net Income as of Sept 24th:* \$7,479.62. Net income for the year \$16,567.61.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Elaine Leite; Volunteer helpers: Brian Crawley, Bob Berikoff, Elaine Leite and Greg Rossmann; Submitted by Elaine Leite

Besides the regular maintenance, here's what was done in September:

- Tree trimming – apple tree, shrubs and front and back: **\$675.**
- NexGen Mechanical – regular inspection of furnaces and repair of one furnace: **\$1,758.29**

Maintenance to be done:

- Repair emergency lights battery pack (in office hallway) – Al-Kel is working on this.
- Repair the trip hazard in the sidewalk at the backdoor entrance. Two quotes were received: one from Liftech for \$1000+taxes and Slabmaster for \$800+taxes. Decision was made to go with Slabmaster and the work will be done the week of October 6th.
- Repair mic jack on the projector screen side of the altar – work will be done on October 3rd by Audio Warehouse.

To keep in mind: Possible replacement of 4 furnaces in the building – recent quote \$6,155 per furnace (possible fundraising campaign?).

Deferred Maintenance (no funding available to do any of this work):

- Move Projector screen / add another one or maybe put in big screen TV's
- Paint the Sanctuary
- Replace carpet in Sanctuary, offices, meeting room, and office hallway
- Replace broken kitchen window & seal the other kitchen window
- Install automatic door opener for front doors
- Install lighting in parking lot
- Resurface/sealcoat front driveway
- Change lights in Sanctuary to LED (must be dimmable)
- Change lights in Meeting Room and Narthex to LED
- Repair foundation on southwest corner – not an immediate issue

MINISTRY TEAMS NEED YOUR HELP!!

Ministry Team **Mark** (Brian Unverricht, leader) is on for October. There is a sign-up list at the back for Worship Assistants and Musicians as well.

Every Sunday, our church relies on the dedication and commitment of volunteers to fill a variety of important roles, such as Greeter, Acolyte, Communion Preparation, Usher/Counter, Lector, and Refreshments. Our Ministry Team leaders work tirelessly each week to ensure these roles are filled, but it is becoming an increasing challenge to find volunteers for all tasks.

To help address these gaps, the Ministry Team Leaders have developed a new approach. We will be introducing sign-up sheets for each of the individual tasks. This will allow congregants to put their names down for the activities they enjoy and are willing to support, giving Ministry Team Leaders a broader pool of volunteers to call upon when needed. For example:

- If you enjoy reading lessons during the service, please add your name to the Lector Sheet.
- If you are willing to help with setting up and cleaning up Communion, consider signing up for that task.

If there is a role you would like to help with but are unsure what it entails, simply speak with your Ministry Team Leader. Training can be arranged, and we have step-by-step instructions available for all tasks. This makes it easy for anyone who is willing to take on a new responsibility. Consider sharing a task; for instance, do you feel Refreshments might be too much for you to handle? Partner with someone who will help supplying goodies, set-up, and clean-up.

If you are not currently part of a Ministry Team, please contact Elaine, who will happily assign you to a team that suits your interests and availability.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our Ministry Team Leaders—as well their teams: Matthew - Elaine Leite, Mark - Brian Unverricht, Luke - Judy Prociuk & Brenda Thiessen, and John - Betty Harper, for their ongoing efforts in keeping each service running smoothly. We also appreciate everyone who has stepped in to help on Sundays, even when their own team was not scheduled to serve. Your support and assistance are deeply valued.

EVENTS COMMITTEE - FALL SUPPER

Events Committee: Sharon Babcock, Audrey Grons Dahl, Linda Simpson, Shelley Witt, Judy Poellet, Judy Prociuk, Karen & Brian Crawley, and Pastor Sean Bell.

The Events Committee is planning our annual Fall Supper at Resurrection. The supper will take place on **Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m.**, and this year the supper will be catered. We plan to sell a maximum of 120 tickets. The cost of the tickets will be \$30 for adults, \$10 for children between the ages of 6 & 12, and children under 5 will be free.

Even though the supper will be catered, we will still need a lot of help. We will need help with the setup and takedown of the tables and chairs, servers to serve the food, clean-up after the meal and people to clean the carpets during the following week (hopefully Monday). We are also continuing our tradition of pies for dessert, so we are asking the congregation to donate pies for the meal. There will be only one raffle this year—a 50/50 raffle--proceeds will go towards CLAY 2027 to be held in Nanaimo, B.C. The committee will provide a door prize for the evening as well. Proceeds from the fall supper will be put into the building maintenance fund to help pay for new furnaces when the time comes that we need to replace one or more of them.

RESURRECTION CHOIR NOTES

Resurrection choir season will start again on Sunday, October 6 at 9:00 am. We shall prepare songs for future Sunday mornings and for the LuMinHoS anniversary mass-choir event on Nov 2. We are also working towards a special choir evening at Resurrection on Feb 6. *All singers are welcome.* Brian will send more details about both events directly to all the choir members.

UP-COMING YOUTH EVENTS

- Oct. 17 – City-Wide Evening Youth Event @ Good Shepherd from 7-9 p.m.
- Nov. 16 – City-Wide Afternoon Youth Event @ Resurrection starting at 3 p.m. (tentative)
- Dec. 4 – City-Wide Youth Event @ Augustana. Potluck supper and Holden Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

LUTHERCARE COMMUNITIES / RLC HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE

On June 24th, Betty and Elaine met with Richard Lungal, Chief Financial Officer of LutherCare Communities (LCC). LCC is currently engaged in a number of projects, both ongoing and under consideration. During the meeting, LCC suggested that RLC develop a set of options we would be prepared to pursue and then present these options for LCC review. At the Council meeting held on September 11th, it was decided that the considerable effort required to develop these options posed a significant barrier to moving forward with LCC at this time. If, in the future, LCC approaches RLC with a specific proposal, that proposal will be brought forward to the congregation for consideration.

PALESTINE LAND EXERCISE



It didn't start on October 7th--the Palestine Land Exercise is an experiential learning tool which simulates the experience of Palestinians from the last 19th Century to the present.

**Saturday, October 4 –
2:00-4:30 p.m. -
Grosvenor Park
United Church - 407
Cumberland Avenue
South**

Space is Limited &
Registration is Required.

Sponsored by: Just Peace Palestine/Israel Ecumenical Network, Living Skies Regional Council. **Information:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vpdq6u9joQs32p8nxvVDwo5ndijVE5X5/view>

Registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBXbPHoxUfgcODrY5D2G8naiIGQZY4Mz4AY8t2P2P6jmvIww/viewform>

LUTHERAN ANGLICAN WOMEN CONFERENCE

When: October 18, 2025 - From 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon

Theme: Christ Be Our Light

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Ann Salmon

Details: \$20 per person; Please bring your own lunch

Register: With Bev Otsuka: bevotsuka@gmail.com

LUTHERCARE FOUNDATION – 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHERCARE COMMUNITIES

The **LutherCare Foundation** invites you to join them on October 21st for a supper to celebrate the **70th anniversary of LutherCare Communities** at the Elim Church Atrium in Saskatoon starting with a reception at 5:45 p.m. The evening will be a celebration of our past and a chance to hear about our plans moving forward. Tickets are on sale now for \$100 with a (\$55 tax receipt). Seating is limited. For tickets or more information, email foundation@luthercare.com or call (306) 649-6364.

LUTHER TOWER TENANTS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING BAZAAR



Saturday, November 1, 2025

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Doors open at 12:30).

Tower Dining Room on the 22nd Floor

1223 Temperance Street

Tables featuring: Baking, Crafts, Jewelry, Knitting and Woodworking.

For further information, contact Lorraine Harilstad (306) 652-2497

LuMinHos 45th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET & FUNDRAISER

LuMinHoS 45th Anniversary Banquet & Fundraiser (link to [POSTER](#))

Sunday, November 2, 5:30 p.m. - Western Development Museum, 2610 Lorne Ave.

- \$50 ticket includes a day pass to Boomtown
- Doors to the Banquet Hall open at 5:00 with live music
- Mass Choir under direction of Deborah Buck
- Silent auction of local hand-crafted works of art.
- Diane Davis will have tickets available for sale at Resurrection.

REDEEMER ADVENT CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA

Hello from Redeemer! **Our ADVENT – CHRISTMAS MARKET & TEA** is coming soon to Redeemer Lutheran, 812 Preston Ave., Saskatoon on **Nov. 15, 2025, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.** A market of a wide variety of hand-made creations, an Advent-Christmas Tea Room & a “new to you” Christmas sale.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS & ARTISANS! We invite you to be part of this market! NOW is the time to book a table for this festive day! \$10/table. Table space is limited so save your spot soon! To reserve a table, or for further info, please call or text Marlo Wilson 306-291-8212 or Elaine Akre

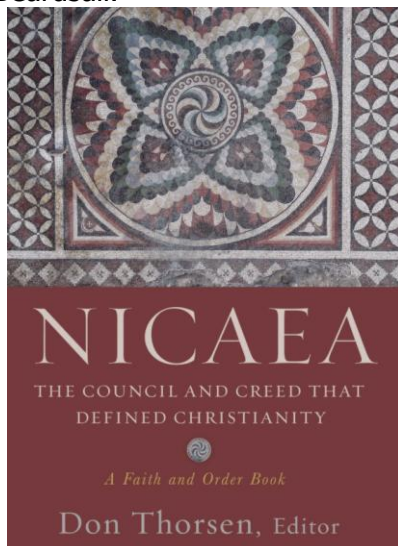
306-220-8074 or call Monica in the church office 306-374-7585 by October 10th. If you know of a craftsperson who might like to be part of our market, please share this info with them. We are also welcoming donations of gently used Christmas décor items that you no longer use but could be welcomed into a "new to" home. These donations can be dropped off at Redeemer, beginning Oct. 14 during office hours – Mon.-Thurs. 9-12, and 1-4 and Fri. 9-12 or Sunday mornings. Proceeds from the Tea and "new to you" Christmas area will go towards our Advent Mission Project.

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The **Watoto Children's Choir** currently has an opening for an event in the Saskatoon area on March 1, 2026. Many of you may remember them from when they performed here in 2015 and 2017. Both performances were greatly enjoyed. They have sent an inquiry to Resurrection to see if we would like to host this event again. If so, there are some requirements they need from us but they especially need 7 to 9 host homes for billeting two choir members and one young adult at each home. Other things are needed as well and these will be announced if we can find host homes. If you are interested in being a host home, please let Elaine know by October 5th.

NICEA THE COUNCIL AND CREED THAT DEFINED CHRISTIANITY

See below, details of a new book ***NICEA The Council and Creed that Defined Christianity***. Bishop Ali co-authored a chapter in the book, along with the Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall.



How did a gathering of early church leaders 1700 years ago shape the faith of billions? In *Nicaea: The Council and Creed that Defined Christianity*, leaders from diverse Christian traditions reflect on the impact of the historic Nicene Creed. This timely volume explores the Creed's enduring relevance, its strengths and weaknesses, its crucial role in shaping theology and ministry across centuries, and its guiding importance for the future of faith.

The Nicene Creed was the first summary of the Christian faith established by the worldwide church. Today, while not all Christians value the Nicene Creed the same way, it remains a foundation for teaching and proclaiming biblical Christianity. This book offers fresh perspectives on how this ancient confession of faith inspires unity, enriches worship, and equips Christians to respond to modern challenges.

Pre-Order: <https://www.friendshippress.org/products/nicaea-the-council-and-creed-that-defined-christianity> Coming from the Faith and Order table of the National Council of Churches, *Nicaea* invites readers to rediscover the depth and vitality of the creed that continues to shape the heart of Christian belief. Whether you're a pastor, theologian, or layperson seeking to deepen your understanding, this book will inspire a renewed appreciation for the legacy of this foundational moment in Christian history.

YOUTH LEADERS REQUIRED!

What I need: Churches to partner with me in providing oversight and space for a new youth initiative. Clearly I can't recruit and lead all the events from far away, but with local partnership, we can provide oversight, space, and support for Youth Leaders who are taking up this opportunity to grow, lead, learn, and make a difference in their communities. I need Rostered Leaders or Local Representatives of churches and organizations to partner with me.

Here is the Recruitment Pitch:

Are you between 16 and 30 years old and ready to make a real difference in your community? Under the visionary guidance of Bishop Ali and on behalf of the Synod Youth Coordinator (Rev. Sean Bell), I'm thrilled to announce an exciting new initiative designed to empower our next generation of leaders. As your Youth Coordinator, I'm looking to recruit dynamic local "Youth Leaders" from across Saskatchewan to join us on this journey of learning, growing, and leading together.

What's the Opportunity?

This isn't just about organizing events—it's about building a vibrant community where every young person has the chance to develop leadership skills while learning alongside their peers from across Saskatchewan. In this Youth Leader role, you will:

- **Collaborate & Learn:** Attend a weekly Zoom "huddle" with fellow youth leaders where you'll share ideas, receive guidance, and grow together.
- **Lead Local Events:** Organize and lead two community events per month that not only bring youth together but also foster a culture of mutual learning and support.
- **Earn While You Lead:** This paid position rewards your time and dedication—10 hours a month at \$15/hour, covering both planning/program time and weekly meetings.

Why Join?

Our initiative is designed to evolve into a distributed leadership network, meaning your involvement today could pave the way for a lasting impact tomorrow. We're starting with an initial group of 23 Youth Leaders, but this is just the beginning! As the program expands, there will be even more opportunities for collaboration and influence within local communities. Importantly, this effort goes beyond our Lutheran Churches—every community has youth, and all are welcome to join, ensuring that our events are diverse, inclusive, and reflective of the broader youth experience in Saskatchewan.

Ready to Learn More?

If you're excited about shaping a vibrant, youth-led future and want to explore how you can contribute to this groundbreaking initiative, please reach out. Whether you're interested in stepping up as a Youth Leader or partnering locally to support the program's growth, we want to hear from you!

Together, we can transform the way our communities engage, learn, and lead. Let's build a brighter future—one event, one huddle, one partnership at a time.

For more details or to get involved, please contact the Synod Youth Coordinator: Rev. Sean Bell (pastor@resurrectionlutheranchurch.ca)

KINASAO EVENTS

The end of summer does not mean the end of camp! Check out these upcoming retreats taking place this fall! Register at kinasao.ca

- Oct 31-Nov 2: Youth Retreat
- Nov 22: Christmas at Camp & Twinkle Tour
- Dec 5-7: Advent Retreat

FOOD BANK WAGONS

Please be reminded that the Food Bank requires donations all year! Please continue to help fill up our wagons so we can help those in need. Non-perishable foods such as infant formula, soups and stews, whole grain pasta and cereals, canned vegetables, beans, and proteins, 100% real fruit juice. Other items needed: basic toiletries, dishes, and household cleaning supplies. Thank you for your continued support.



SENSITIVITY TO SCENTS

We kindly ask all members and visitors to be mindful of the potential for sensitivity to scents. Many individuals experience adverse reactions to strong fragrances, which can include headaches, respiratory issues, and allergic reactions. To ensure a comfortable and inclusive environment for everyone, please refrain from wearing or using heavily scented products such as perfumes, colognes, and lotions when attending our events and gatherings. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in helping us maintain a welcoming space for all.

Church rentals are managed by Elaine Leite: resurrectionchurch@sasktel.net. Newsletter items can be forwarded to Betty Harper at harperbetty324@gmail.ca. In order to be published with the October 31st bulletin, please forward November Newsletter items by noon on **Wednesday, October 29th**.

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OCTOBER 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church @ 10:00 am		Quilting-FH: 9-3		Stephen Ministry-FH: 7-9	Men's Breakfast-8am	
		Cantare Rehearsal	TOPS-FH: 5:45-8		Lawson Smitty's	
		S-7-9pm				
28-Sep	29-Sep	30-Sep	01-Oct	02-Oct	03-Oct	04-Oct
Church @ 10:00 am		Quilting-FH: 9-3	Artists-FH: 10-2		Men's Breakfast-8am	
Communion	AlAnon-FH: 7-8pm	Cantare Rehearsal	TOPS-FH: 5:45-8	Council Mtg-MR: 7-9pm	Lawson Smitty's	
		S-7-9pm				
		Private-FH 6:30-8pm				
05-Oct	06-Oct	07-Oct	08-Oct	09-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct
Church @ 10:00 am		Quilting-FH: 9-3	Artists-FH: 10-2		Men's Breakfast-8am	
	AlAnon-FH: 7-8pm	Cantare Rehearsal	TOPS-FH: 5:45-8	Stephen Ministry-FH: 7-9	Lawson Smitty's	
	Private-FH 10am-2pm	S-7-9pm			City-Wide Youth	
12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	@Good Shepherd--7-9pm	
					2025-10-17	18-Oct
Church @ 10:00 am		Quilting-FH: 9-3	Artists-FH: 10-2		Men's Breakfast-8am	
Communion	AlAnon-FH: 7-8pm	Cantare Rehearsal	TOPS-FH: 5:45-8		Lawson Smitty's	
		S-7-9pm				
19-Oct	20-Oct	21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct
Church @ 10:00 am		Quilting-FH: 9-3	Artists-FH: 10-2		Men's Breakfast-8am	Luther Tower
FALL SUPPER @5:00 p.m.	AlAnon-FH: 7-8pm	Cantare Rehearsal	TOPS-FH: 5:45-8		Lawson Smitty's	Bazaar 12:30 to
		S-7-9pm				2:30 p.m.
26-Oct	27-Oct	28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	01-Nov
Note: Cleaners typically in on Sunday ~1pm and Thursday mornings before 10 am						
Legend: FH: Fellowship Hall K: Kitchen MR: Meeting Room S: Sanctuary						